

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A hybrid recording and/or reproducing apparatus can deal with a readout failure of all or part of AV information on a hard disk by restoring the record by using a backup record which has been saved on a tape, and also can expand the recording capacity as the whole system based on the combination of the hard disk and tape. The apparatus consists of a server which records and reproduces AV information on the hard disk, a tape unit which records and reproduces AV information on the tape, and a control system which controls to save all or part of the AV information to be recorded on the hard disk onto the tape simultaneously to or on expiration of a certain time after the recording of the AV information on the hard disk.